

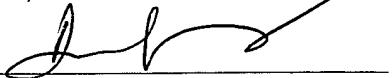


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION – 37 CFR 1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed July 21, 2004, please amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of the claims beginning on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are discussed on page 8 of this paper and are set forth in the Replacement Drawing Sheet submitted herewith.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

A Request for a One Month Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is submitted herewith, along with the fee prescribed by 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1).